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SUBJECT: HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OF R. D. BENNETT (CONGRESSIONAL
INTEREST)

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM CONGRESSMAN
RICHARD KELLY OF FLORIDA TO LOOK INTO A DISPUTE INVOLVING
THE HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OF R. D. BENNETT, FORMALLY EMPLOYED
WITH THE ABDULLA AHMED NASS CO., AL MAJID BUILDING, SHAIKH
ISSA RD, MANAMA, BAHRAIN.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED DEPARTMENT, BENNETT
WORKED AT A. A. NASS UNTIL FEBRUARY 3, 1976, WHEN HE WAS
INVOLUNTARILY TERMINATED BY A REDUCTION IN FORCE. BENNETT
CLAIMS THAT, DESPITE REPEATED INQUIRIES, NASS HAS REFUSED
TO PAY THE GULF AGENCY CO., GOVERNMENT RD., P.O. BOX 412,
MANAMA, THE DOLS 6,603 IT WILL COST TO RETURN HIS HOUSE-
HOLD EFFECTS TO THE U.S. (GULF AGENCY IS HOLDING EFFECTS
FOR SHIPMENT.) BENNETT POINTS OUT THAT, WHILE HE HAS NO
WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM, REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE NASS FIRM READILY ACCEPTED THEIR OBLIGATION IN THIS
REGARD. BENNETT ALSO NOTES THAT THE NASS FIRM AGREED
VERBALLY TO COVER THE SOMEWHAT HIGHER-THAN-NORMAL COSTS OF
MOVING HIS HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS BACK TO THE U.S., SINCE WHEN
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HE INITIALLY ACCEPTED EMPLOYMENT WITH NASS, BENNETT COVERED

THE COSTS OF MOVING HIS EFFECTS TO BAHRAIN HIMSELF.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS FORWARDED CORRESPONDENCE TO EMBASSY BY AIR POUCH. HOWEVER, BENNETT HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT HIS EFFECTS WILL BE SOLD FOR COSTS WITHIN THE NEXT 14 DAYS UNLESS PAYMENT IS FORTHCOMING. REQUEST EMBASSY INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER AND REPORT RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION TO DEPARTMENT ASAP.
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